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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/12/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 7, 8, 10-16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 6, 9, 17 and 19-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 September 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1:

It is unclear what is meant by the term “completing the section” as recited in step (d).

Did applicant intend to state -- writing data on the section--?

In claim 2:

It is unclear from this claim as to why a section of the multi-section is checked if it is a first section since it has never been used later in this claim. What is next if it is a first section or not a first section? Applicant is suggested to incorporate limitations in claim 3 into this claim.

In claim 4:

It is unclear what is meant by the term “completing the section” as recited in line 5. Did applicant intend to state -- writing data on the section--?

In claims 5 and 6:

It is unclear from these claims as to why a local recording power profile is determined since it has never been used later in these claims.

In claim 7:

It is unclear what is meant by the term “completing the section” as recited in line 1. Did applicant intend to state -- writing data on the section--?

In claims 8 and 9:

It is unclear from these claims as to why a local recording power profile is determined since it has never been used later in these claims.

In claim 10:

It is unclear what is meant by the term “completing the section” as recited in line 1. Did applicant intend to state -- writing data on the section--?

In claims 11-13, 20 and 21:

It is unclear from these claims as to why a nominal recording power value is derived since it has never been used later in these claims.

In claim 12:

The term “the recording power data” lacks antecedent basis.

In claim 19:

It is unclear from this claim as to why a disc-wide recording power profile is determined by step (k) since it has never been used later in this claim.

In claims 22 and 23:

It is unclear from these claims as to why a local recording power profile is determined since it has never been used later in these claims.

In claim 24:

It is unclear what is meant by the term “completing the section” as recited in line 1. Did applicant intend to state -- writing data on the section--?

Claims 3, 14-18 and 25 fall with their respective parent claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyata (US 6,052,347).

Regarding claim 1, see Figs. 2A-14, which disclose a device comprising: (a) an optical head (35) moved by moving device (37) to a lead-in area (11, 15 or 19 in Figs. 6-8) of a multi-session recordable disc; an OPC in the lead-in area of the session of the multi-session recordable disc is performed to generate an OPC output (see device 39) ; (c) a recording power is determined according to the OPC output (see device 39); and (d) the session is completed/recorded with data according to the determined recording power. Also, see Figs. 12 and 13 for details.

Regarding claims 5 and 7, see column 5, lines 18-29. It is noted that profiled data is recording power P_o recommended by the disk manufacture.

Regarding claims 8 and 10, see column 5, lines 18-29 and column 8, line 40 to column 9, line 21. It is noted that recording power data encoded on the disc is test recording power data recorded on the disc

Regarding claim 11, see column 6, lines 18-29. It is noted that profiled data is recording power P_o recommended by the disk manufacture.

Regarding claim 12, see column 8, line 40 to column 9, line 21, for limitations recited in this claim. It is noted that recording power data encoded on the disc is test recording power data recorded on the disc.

Regarding claims 13 and 14, see column 6, lines 18-29 and column 8, lines 52-62.

Regarding claim 15, see the velocities described in Fig. 3 and 4.

Regarding claim 16, limitation recited in this claim is inherently included when OPC is performed in the test area in the OPC area as shown in Fig. 6 or 8.

Regarding claim 18, see column 8, lines 52-62. It is noted that recording power data encoded on the disc is test recording power data recorded on the disc.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-4, 6, 9, 17 and 19-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 19-25 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art of record, considered alone or in combination, fails to suggest or fairly teach a method of writing a multi-session recordable disc as recited in claim 1 and further comprising a step of checking if a session of the multi-session recordable disc to be written is a first session of the multi-session recordable disc, as recited in claim 2; or a step of determining a local recording power profile according to the OPC output and predetermined profile data comprises determining a local recording power profile by interpolating the predetermined profile data according to the OPC output, as recited in claim 6; or a step of determining further determine a local recording power

profile according to the OPC output and recording power data encoded on the recordable disc comprises determining a local recording power profile by interpolating the recording power data encoded on the recordable disc according to the OPC output, as recited in claim 9; or a step of setting unused frame bits of the buffer zone to a logic zero state; as recited in claim 17; or a combination of the following steps: (j) performing an optimum power calibration (OPC) in a power calibration area (PCA) to generate an OPC output; and (k) determining a disc-wide recording power profile by interpolation of predetermined profile data according to the OPC output of step (j), as recited in claim 19. Claims 3, 4, 20-25 are allowable with their respective parent.

Cited References

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited references relate to an optical device having a power controller for determining a recording power according to an optimal power calibration or test recording.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thang V. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7595. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on (571) 272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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